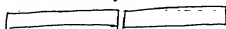


Fusion Splicing

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ideas (1) Directly Splicing



change: Splicing time
Splicing currents

Arc Position: The higher the melting point, the closer the Arc.

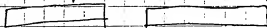
Try to make the energy distribution asymmetric, higher at closer end, lower at far away end!!!

Idea position: The arc position is located in where that the temperature in both ends of fibers is nearly to melting points of the fiber. (at least the soften temperature)

idea (2) Immediate

low temperature fiber

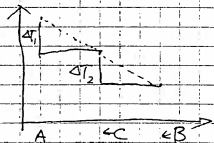
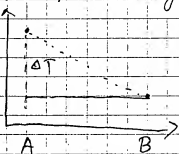
high temperature fiber



Immediate melting point fiber

two fiber system

Temp (°C) ↑



$$\Delta T_1 \sim \Delta T_2 \ll \Delta T$$

Order PFI (Thorlabs)

of Ultra-high NA Silica fibers
Coupler Fiber 3M

idea (3) double cladding layer



assume: $D_1 = 6.6 \mu\text{m}$
 $D_2 = 20 \mu\text{m}$
 $D_3 = 125 \mu\text{m}$

$$r_1 = 3.3 \mu\text{m}$$

$$r_2 = 10 \mu\text{m}$$

$$r_3 = 62.5 \mu\text{m}$$

$$\frac{S_1}{S_3} = \left(\frac{r_1}{r_3} \right)^2 = (0.0528)^2 = 0.00278$$

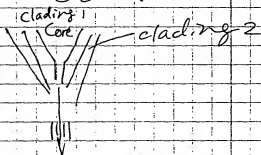
$$\ll 1\%$$

$$\frac{S_2}{S_3} = \left(\frac{r_2}{r_3} \right)^2 = (0.24)^2 = 5.76\%$$

if

$$\frac{S_2}{S_3} = 0.20 \quad \frac{r_2}{r_3} = 0.45$$

$$r_2 = 0.45 \times 125 = 56.25$$



procedure to produce the fiber
 needed to be developed!!!

$$S_2/S_3: \begin{array}{ccc} 0.40 & 0.50 & 0.410 \\ r. & \text{mm} & 88 \text{ mm} \Rightarrow 0.80 \end{array}$$

SM + SM POI

Test time IF IF IF IF IF

Lose 0.02 dB IF -

Lose 0.03 dB IF F

Lose 0.04 dB T

Lose 0.01 dB IF 0

Lose 0.09 dB* -

Lose 0.05 dB IF

Lose 0.11 dB - **

Cleaved Bad F Due to the Diamond
clever has not move all the way cross.

* lose became 0.04 dB ~~was~~ after refuse

Cut & Refuse F

Failure F

** Left "recut and reuse"

right "new"

=> Refuse 0.33 dB

After electrode clean Program run, The lose estin
is much lower, around 0.01 ~ 0.02 dB. Even one
sample that recut & resplice.

Annual Mode Splicing

Jan 10, 2001

SM + SM P.O.I

Tatate test time IF

Loss 0.01 dB

Loss 0.02 dB

Loss 0.03 dB

Loss 0.04 dB

Loss 0.05 dB

Loss 0.06 dB

Loss 0.08 dB

1 Change Parameters (Prefuse Curr)

	P01	P11	changed
Prefuse time	0.25	0.25	
Prefuse Curr	10.0 mA	0.80 mA	✓
Gap	50.0 μ m	50.0 μ m	
overlap	10.0 μ m	10.0 μ m	
fusion time 1	0.3 S	0.3 S	
fusion Curr 1	10.5 mA	10.5 mA	
time 2	2.0 S	2.0 S	
Curr 2	16.3 mA	16.3 mA	
time 3	2.0 S	2.0 S	
Curr 3	12.5 mA	12.5 mA	
left MFD	9.8 μ m	9.8 μ m	
Right MFD	9.8 μ m	9.8 μ m	
set Center	+255	+255	
AOA Curr	0 mA	0 mA	
Early Prefus	No	No	
Align Archra	0.15 μ m	0.15 μ m	
loss shift	0 dB	0 dB	
Auto Arc Center	No	No	

Re-Edit

P12 Change Parameter (fusion Curr)

	P12
Prefuse	0.25
Prefuse curr	8.0 mA
Gap	50 μ m
overlap	10 μ m
fusion time 1	0.3 S
fusion Curr 1	8.0 mA
time 2	2.0 S
Curr 2	16.3 S
time 3	2.0 S
Curr 3	16.3 S → 12.5 S
left MFD	9.8 μ m
Right MFD	9.8 μ m
Center	+255
AOA Curr	0 mA
Early Prefus	No

P05 eccentric 5.1 + 5m

Total test time F -

lose	0.01 dB	T
lose	0.02 dB	T
lose	0.03 dB	
lose	0.04 dB	
lose	0.05 dB	T

P11 first programmed

total test time F

lose	0.01 dB	T
lose	0.08 dB	-*

P12 changed (fusion curri)

total test time F -

lose	0.05 dB	T
lose	0.04 dB	T
lose	0.06 dB	-
lose	0.01 dB	-
* 0.04 dB	refuse	

P13 man 28 Mode

Prefuse Curr 3.0 mA ✓

Prefuse time 0.3 S

Edit { Prefuse Curr 6.0 mA temp. too high
Prefuse time 0.3 S X Matchstick
= 00

Edit { Prefuse Curr 4.5 mA X Matchstick
Prefuse time 0.3 S
= 00

Edit { Prefuse Curr 3.75 mA (3.8 mA) X
Prefuse time 0.3 S Matchstick
= 00

Edit { Prefuse Curr 3.4 mA ✓ No melting
Prefuse time 0.3 S

Edit { Prefuse Curr 3.6 mA just a little
Prefuse time 0.3 S too high
= 00

D. fiber cannot be cut by cleaver
Mechanical property is poor

2. Prefuse Current 3.6 mA
Prefuse time 0.3 S

Current is very low

P14

Prefuse time	0.2 S
Prefuse Curr	3.4 mA
Gap	50 μ m
Overlap	1.0 mA
fusion time 1	0.3 S
fusion Curr 1	3.45 mA
fusion time 2	2.0 S
fusion Curr 2	3.45 mA
fusion time 3	2.0 S
fusion Curr 3	3.4 mA
Left MFD	9.8 μ m
Right MFD	9.8 μ m
Set Xenter	+2.55
AcA Curr	0 mA
Early Prefuse	NO
Align Accura	0.15 μ m
Loss Shift	0 dB
Auto Arc Center	NO

too high for Erbium Glass, too low for SMF28
 The fiber of Erbium Glass is not uniform
 in ~~core~~ Diameter

Fibercore glass

DF1500F-980 Erbium Doped Fibre
SD 278A-01A

"C-band" 1530-1560 nm

DF1500L Special Erbium-doped Fibre

"L-Band" SD 182B-00E

Concentrate twice as high as DF-1500F
~ 1600 nm

DF1500L

DF1500F-0980

Fiber Diameter 125 μ m

NA 0.21

125 μ m

Cut-off 95 nm

0.24

Attenuation 25 dB/km 1200 nm

970 nm

Absorption 11.5 dB/m @ 979 nm

6.8 dB/km

14.6 dB/m @ 1531 nm

4.8 dB/m
6.6 dB/m

Composition Core Silica/germania

Inner cladding Silica

Same

Coating Dual Coat UV Cure Acrylate

as left

240 μ m Diameter

Mechanical

proof test @ 1% Strain

Program 01.

manual DF 1500 L & SMF-28 fusion Splicing

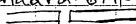
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SD 278A-01A & SMF-28

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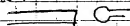
Program 15 a		Jan 16 2002		
	15 a	15 b	15 c	
Prefuse time	0.2 S	0.2 S	0.2 S	0.2 S
Prefuse Curr	3.3 mA	3.3 mA	3.0 mA	2.8 mA
GAP	50 μ m	50 μ m	50 μ m	50 μ m
Overlap	10 μ m	10 μ m	10 μ m	10 μ m
Fusion time 1	0.3 S	0.3 S	0.3 S	0.3 S
Fusion Curr	3.3 mA	3.3 mA	3.0 mA	2.8 mA
Fusion time 2	1.0 S	0.3 S	0.3 S	0.3 S
Fusion Curr	3.3 mA	3.3 mA	3.0 mA	2.8 mA
Fusion time 3	1.0 S	0.3 S	0.3 S	0.3 S
Fusion Curr	3.3 mA	3.3 mA	3.0 mA	2.8 mA
left MFD	4.8 μ m	4.8 μ m	\leftarrow	\leftarrow
Right MFD	4.8 μ m	4.8 μ m	\leftarrow	\leftarrow
Set Center	+2.55	+2.55	\leftarrow	\leftarrow
AOA Current	0 mA	0 mA	\leftarrow	\leftarrow
Early Prefuse	No	No	\leftarrow	\leftarrow
Align Accura	0.15 μ m	0.15 μ m	\leftarrow	\leftarrow
Loss Shift	0 dB	0 dB	\leftarrow	\leftarrow
Auto Arc Center	no	No	\leftarrow	\leftarrow
		\leftarrow Same as left		

Result

(1) Can not fusion splice two standard SMF-28 fiber  Same as 15a Not good Same as 15a

(2) Prefusion cannot clean up SMF-28 Fiber but do melt the phosphate fiber a little. Same as 15a Not good Same as 15a

fusion stage make to phosphate fiber melting and becoming a match-stick.



15 d	15 e	15 f	15 g	15 h
0.2 S	0.2 S	0.2 S	0.1 S	0.1 S
2.8 mA	2.9 mA	2.9 mA	3.3 mA	3.2 mA
	50 μ m	50 μ m	50 μ m	50 μ m
	10 μ m	10 μ m	10 μ m	10 μ m
0.3 S	0.3 S	0.6 S	0.1 S	0.1 S
2.8 mA	3.0 mA	2.9 mA	3.3 mA	3.2 mA
1.3 S	1.3 S	1.3 S	1.3 S	1.3 S
2.8 mA	2.9 mA	2.9 mA	2.8 mA	2.8 mA
1.3 S	1.3 S	1.3 S	1.3 S	1.3 S
2.8 mA	2.9 mA	2.9 mA	2.8 mA	2.8 mA
←	←	←		
←	←	←		
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NP fiber - Did Not melt !!! NP fiber melt !!! Prefuse work Prefuse No
 melt !!! Did melt fuse \Rightarrow melt fuse mel
 Discharged! \square OF

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Invention Disclosure Form

I. Description

Please provide a title for your invention and a brief description. Inventions include new processes, products, apparatus, compositions of matter, living organisms – OR improvements to (or new uses for) things that already exist. Use additional sheets and attach descriptive materials to expand answers to questions. (Sketches, drawings, photos, reports and manuscripts will be helpful.)

A. Invention Title: Method of Fusion Splicing Silica Fiber with Multi-component Glass Fiber

B. Description:

This invention discloses a method of fusion splicing silica fiber with multi-component glass fibers. Here the multi-component glass refers to glass containing glass network former, network modifier and/or glass network intermediator, such as phosphate glass, silicate glass, borate glass, germane glass and tellurite glass. Figure 1 (a) and (b) illustrate the design of the multi-component glass fiber for fusion splicing with silica fiber.

In Figure 1 (a), the single mode core is the doped glass, for example, erbium and ytterbium doped phosphate glass, the first cladding layer is undoped or specially doped glass, for example, undoped phosphate glass or specially doped phosphate glass, the second cladding layer is a silicate glass which will play a key rule in fusion splicing. The diameters of the single mode core, the first cladding layer and the second cladding layer could be around 4 to 10 μm , 15 to 50 μm , and 125 μm , respectively. The silicate glass for the second cladding glass would be selected that the softening temperature of the glass is close to the core glass and the first cladding glass, so these three glasses can be drawn into fiber without problem. The cross section of the second cladding layer is significantly larger than the core and the first cladding layer. The second cladding layer plays a key rule in fusion splicing. Typically the decreasing rate of viscosity of silicate glasses is much lower than that of phosphate glasses when the temperature increases, so the working temperature range for silicate glasses is broader than that of phosphate glasses. In addition, the bond strength between the silicate glass fiber and silica fiber should be stronger than that between the phosphate glass fiber and silica fiber due to the similar glass network structure between the silicate glass and silica.

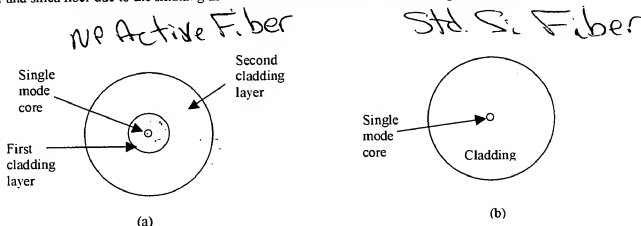


Figure 1. Design of single mode fiber for fusion splicing with silica fiber

It should be pointed out that in some cases, the first cladding layer might not be necessary as illustrated in Figure 1 (b). In Figure 1 (b), the single mode core is the doped glass, for example, erbium and ytterbium doped phosphate glass, and the cladding is a silicate glass.

C. What are the immediate and/or future applications of the invention?

Fiber amplifiers. fiber lasers. fiber optical communications

D. Why is the invention better – more advantageous – than present technology? What are its novel and unusual features? What problems does it solve?

There is no existing technology to fusion splicing silica fiber and phosphate glass fiber.

E. Is work on the invention continuing? Are there limitations to be overcome or other tasks to be done prior to practical application? Are there any test data?

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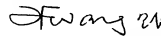


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